

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 29 2006

FAX COVER SHEET

**PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS FACSIMILE**

Attention: Examiner: Christopher C. Grant

Fax: (571) 273-8300

Group Art Unit: 2611

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE

Phone: (571) 272-7294

Pages: Cover + 2 + 1 = 4

Date: March 29, 2006

From: Georgann S. Grunebach

Fax: (310) 964-0941

Assistant General Counsel

Phone: (310) 964-4615

The information contained in this facsimile is confidential and may also contain privileged attorney-client information or work product. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received the facsimile in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, and return the original message to us at the address below via the U.S. Postal Service. Thank you.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that the correspondence identified above is being facsimile transmitted to 571-273-8300 (Centralized Facsimile Number), addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 29, 2006.


Georgann S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179
(Printed Name of Depositor)March 29, 2006
(Date of Signature)

Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Attorney Docket No. PD-200187A

Please find attached Re: 10/731,768

- > INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (2 pages)
- > SUBSTITUTE FORM PTO 1449 (1 page)

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS FACSIMILE

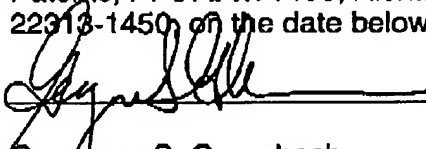
If you do not receive all pages, or pages are not clear, please call Karen Lum at (310) 964-0735.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 29 2006

Patent
PD-200187A
Customer No. 020991

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Steven M. Soloff : I hereby certify that this correspondence is
: being facsimile transmitted to (571) 273-8300
: (Centralized Facsimile Number),
Serial No.: 10/731,768 : addressed to:
Filed: December 8, 2003 :
: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for
For: SIMPLIFIED INTERACTIVE USER : Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA
INTERFACE FOR MULTI- : 22313-1450, on the date below:
VIDEO CHANNEL NAVIGATION :
: 
: Georgann S. Grunebach
: Typed or printed name of person signing certificate
Group Art Unit: 2611 :
Examiner: Christopher C. Grant : Date: March 29, 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The references cited on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A may be relevant or material to the examination of the above-identified patent application and are, therefore, submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The references were cited in a Notice of Allowance dated February 27, 2006 in related patent application serial number 10/007,909 filed on November 7, 2001.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b) and therefore it is believed that no fee is due with this submission. If a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California.

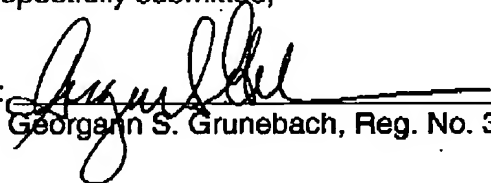
MAR 29 2006

Serial No. 10/731,768.....Page 2

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has recently been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that this citation constitutes prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

By:


Georgann S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179

The DIRECTV Group, Inc.
RE/R11/A109
P. O. Box 956
El Segundo, CA 90245

Telephone No. (310) 964-4615

March 29, 2006

Substitute for form PTO/SB/08A INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/731,768
		Filing Date	December 8, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Steven Soloff
		Art Unit	2623
Date: March 29, 2006		Examiner Name	GRANT, Christopher C.
Sheet 1 of 1		Attorney Docket Number	PD-200187A

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number Number-Kind Code	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-6,782,006	08-2004	Tanaka et al.	
		US-5,970,071	10-1999	Le Garrec, Thomas	
		US-4,581,746	04-1986	Arnold, Hamilton W.	
		US-5,461,619	10-1995	Citta et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.